FREE EMAIL TIPS

Setting up a free email account is a fairly simple process. Here are some tips to get you started.

Choosing an email provider
There are many sites that offer free email accounts. Some offer very basic services, others offer specialized features that allow you to maintain address books, send and receive attachments and store your email in special folders.

A few that we recommend that don't require a telephone number:

ProtonMail
https://protonmail.com/

Mail.com
https://www.mail.com/

GMX.com
https://www.gmx.com/

Signing up for an Account
Once you select a provider, you'll need to create a user name. Choose a user name that you won't have any trouble remembering and is fairly simple to type. Most people select variations of their given name (e.g., johnsmith, jsmith1975, smithjohn, etc.). If the name you choose is being used by someone else, you'll be prompted to select an alternative. Your user name will form the basis of your email address (i.e. johnsmith@mail.com).

You'll also need to create a password. This information is confidential—never share your password with anyone else! But you might want to write it down and keep it in your wallet.

Make certain to read the User or Service Agreement carefully before completing the registration process.

Help
If you run into problems, look for the help button on the email provider homepage.

If you lose or forget the password to your email account, look for a "Forgot your password?" link on the email service homepage and then follow the instructions.

Library staff cannot retrieve lost passwords.